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Labor's suit to end the Reagan

administration's refusal of union

members' pay claims—which in

COLD WORDS

A great deal has been written about the present state administration's dollar-oriented refusal of service to those who need it most—the mentally and physically ill, welfare clients, crippled children, working people shorted on their pay by employers.

But perhaps the best way to convey the mentality of the "economizers" at Sacramento is in the cold, black type of the communications in which they express their policies. For instance, there's a letter received by a building trades craftsman who had asked the state labor commissioner's office to collect a substantial wage claim.

The worker, of course, is a union member. He had worked for an employer a considerable number of hours and had not been paid. The policy of the new labor commissioner is to refuse to process wage claims by union members, and here is how this man learned of it.

"The admnistrative policy of our division does not allow this office to accept and process wage claims based upon a collec- and tive bargaining agreement which contains a grievance or problems of the late 1960s. arbitration provision.

"We hereby close our file and reassign your claim to you withproceed either to your union or to the civil courts." is in fine shape and this convention proved that."

ney, have your union file a griev- William F. Schnitzler and the 27 ance if your defaulting employer members of the Executive Counhasn't skipped town. But the cil, Meany predicted that "there State of California won't use its is a great future for this organipower to serve this Californian zation." who belongs to a union.

you'll see a report on Assemblyman Crown's mystification that cutbacks in medical care to crippled children.

Here too, the cold, black type tells a story. The state's communication on the cutbacks included an alphabetical list of conditions excluded from treatment.

SOME ARE listed twice under different alphabetical headings, so the counties can't miss them.

Under T is "Teeth, absence of. congenital or acquired," and under A is "Absence of teeth (congenital or acquired)," under B is "Baker's cyst" and under C, "Cyst, Bakers," while an E item is "Eyelid, ptosis" and P includes "Ptosis, eyelid."

Please don't get ptosis, kids!

Christmas edition

This is the annual Christmas edition of The East Bay Labor Journal. Corespondents' col-umns are on pages 9, 11 and 13 and union meeting notices on page 5.

EDITOR'S CHAIR Reagan labor policy hallenged in courts

AFLCIO in resident

(Story on President's speech, Page 7)

The AFLCIO's Bal Harbour, Fla., convention squared away for hard and determined work at the head of the nation's progressive forces, dedicated to unity and an all out fight against the rightwing threat in 19968.

In a four-day convention climaxed by an enthusiastic demonstration of support for President Johnson, 943 delegates strongly reaffirmed the leadership of President George Meany fashioned a program to

MEANY APPRAISAL

Meany summed up that "the American trade union movement

to the civil courts."

In other words, go away, go to court and hire your own attoration.

Re-elected for a seventh term as president of the AFLCIO along with Secretary-Treasurer

Sessions witnessed a debate on the war in Viet Nam, culminating in an overwhelming vote of ELSEWHERE IN this edition, support for the Administration's on affirmative action on equal position, and a classic example of trade union solidarity as del- new Berkeley ordinance affectthe governor should deny the egates rallied to the striking copper workers with over \$500,000 MORE on page 16

aid cutback to crippled children

The Reagan administration's 'economy" policy of denying services to people has penalized more than 1,000 crippled children, Assemblyman Robert W. Crown charged this week.

Reagan has gone on the defensive, denying there has been a cutback in the Crippled Children's Service program, but Crown produced the figures and facts to disprove the denial.

Both houses of the Legislature have petitioned the governor to end the cutbacks described by Crown as "the unhumane removal of 100 categories of treatment" from Crippled Children's Services.

New Year cruise - safe and fun

Alameda County labor's New Year's Eve boat ride and party offers unionists dancing, dinner, music and fun safe from the usual New Year's Eve hazard from wild drivers ashore.

For \$30 a couple or \$15 a person, far less than most New Year's celebrations cost, party-goers will sail from Jack London Square on the Harbor Prince.

The boat is heated, and if the weather turns bad it will stay at the dock for the party.

There'll be a hot dinner, dancing to Mike Tilles' six-

piece band, hors d'oeuvres and party favors — and no worry about wrong-way freeway driv-

The New Year's Eve Party's purposes are fun and better acquaintance among union people.

Reservations can be made with the Alameda County Central Labor Council, 2315 Valdez Street, phone 444-6510.

The Harbor Prince will sail at 8 p.m., December 31 from the foot of Clay Street next to the KTVU building in Jack London Square.

It will adjucate and recom-

tion complaints in BART con-

Main speaker at the Acorn

Project groundbreaking at Tenth

Chairman Art Hellender of the

redevelopment agency, who was

to be introduced by Congress-

The 479-unit middle-income

next April and first tenants are

man Jeffrey Cohelan.

ACORN GROUNDBREAKING

effect forces labor to do the state's job—is due for court hearing next month. The suit, prepared by attorney Victor Van Bourg, was filed last week in San Francisco superior court by the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the California State Council of Car-

penters. It asks a writ of mandate to require Reagan's labor commissioner to accept and process claims for unpaid wages and benefit contributions, as the office had done traditionally for many years.

The new policy of Labor Commissioner William Hern has been in effect since last April. Union members have been told to take their claims back to their unions or to hire their own attorneys to collect money due them.

A number of other labor groups, including the Alameda housing development is to be County Building Trades Councomplete in early 1969. First cil, are expected to join in the model apartments will be ready suit.

At a press conference follow-MORE on page 3

Work starts Tuesday on the Acorn Project

struction.

Construction of the Building | Trades Council-sponsored Acorn mend solutions on discrimina-Redevelopment Project in Oakland will begin next Tuesday, Business Representative J. L. Childers told the council meeting this week.

A groundbreaking ceremony and Chesnut Streets was to be was to be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, December 21, with representatives of the BTC, redevelop-ment agency and state, local and federal government on hand.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Childers also reported developments in two phases of programs job opportunities - under the ing construction contractors dealing with the city and in the Bay Area Rapid Transit District Labor Committee.

As the only labor representative on a Berkeley committee for affirmative action guidelines and criteria, he said, he found the first problem was countering misinformation on union hiring procedures.

EQUAL TREATMENT

At a committee meeting Monday night, he told the council, he had told minority represen-tatives that qualified workers receive equal treatment by building trades unions regardless of race or color.

And he urged them to test their claims of union discrimination by bringing qualifed workers to the unions for job referral.

Minority representatives on the committee, he said, insisted on a fixed quota of minority jobs but the proposal was ruled out by the city attorney.

The BART Labor Committee and NAACP representatives have agreed to establishment of a tri-And the Alameda County as partite group with three memsemblyman produced a memo bers from minorities, three from MORE on page 16 employers and three from labor.



REPORTERS take notes as labor representatives explain why they are asking a court to order the new state administration's labor commissioner to accept wage claims of union members. At a press conference following filing of a suit are, left to right, attorney Victor Van Bourg, Anthony Ramos, secretary of the California State Council of Carpenters, and Richard K. Groulx, Alameda County Central Labor Council secretary.

HOW TO BU

Your Social Security IS safe

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

ESTERON & BOVERS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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article about Social Security has for your old age is a bunch of caused a lot of feeling against paper I.O.U.'s." This is a real dis-Social Security and fears of its soundness, a reader writes.

You said it. The recent attacks have been more harmful than Government bonds that banks first realized and very disturbing and investors buy. especially to older people, who worry a lot anyway.

One arthritic widow of 76 was so disturbed she wrote to President Johnson asking for reassurance about the Digest article on Social Security "going bankrupt and in 10 years there wouldn't be any. I only get \$44 a month but very thankful for that, it helps

A 77-year-old widow wrote that she "cannot understand how the President can take money that has been paid in by people who are trying to take care of themselves. Another widow, 62, wrote that she is trying to hold on until age 65 when she will apply for her full benefits. But now she is frightened because the Reader's Digest claims there are only 14 more months of Social Security payments in this

From the Reader's Digest she got the impression that the President "has been pilfering the fund and milking it dry for foreign aid asstance, and also pilfering the fund for these socalled trips to the moon."

NOW SHE wants to know whether she will get back the money she paid into the fund "if Congress or the President decides to do away with Social Security.'

The Digest's insinuations were written by an old-time Government baiter named Charles Stevenson

Several syndicated columnists, including William Buckley Jr., Paul Harvey and Don G. Campbell, have variously attacked Social Security as unfair to young workers or as running out of money.

Among organizations trying to discredit the Social Security program have been the mis-named Young Americans for Freedom, allied with former Senator Goldwater; several oil companies, including the Lion Ol Co. and the American Oil Co., and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Harvey has said "All that

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The Reader's Digest, October is left in the Social Security kitty tortion.

THE TRUTH is, these so-called "I.O.U.'s" are interest - earning

The Social Security Administration does not hide all the dollar bills paid into the fund in a vault. That way the fund would not earn the interest that helps make up part of Social Security

Dollar bills are only "paper "I.O.U.'s," and only as strong as the Government. Your bank savings book is only an "I.O.U.," backed up by a Government guarantee.

Nor is it true, as the Digest alleged, that your Social Security contributions go into the "Treasury's general fund" with some of it going to finance "foreign aid, the moon race . . ." etc.

SOCIAL SECURITY contributions by law are maintained in a separate trust fund-distinct from the Treasury's general funds - and by law can be used only to pay Social Security benefits and administrative expenses.

MEDICARE TIPS

Here are some facts that people enrolled in Medicare should

- · Private hospital rooms are not covered by Medicare unless your doctor affirms that a private room is medically necessary.
- · Make sure the hospital or nursing home is a "participating" one. Some 98 per cent are, but make sure your doctor is sending you to one of these.
- Send in the first \$50 of paid doctor bills under Part B of Medicare. You don't have to send them in one at a time. You can accumulate them. But they do need to be sent to the carrier or intermediary (Blue Cross or designated insurance company handling this part of the program in your area). Once you have met the \$50 deductible, you are eligible for reimbursements for your doctor bills.

• It's still up to the doctor to decide whether to do the collecting, or have you pay him and curity. But more and more doctors are agreeing to send in the bills themselves because that way they often get their money faster, we are told.

• Keep in mind that Part B (the doctor-bill insurance) covers rental of medical equipment like wheelchairs for use in the home only (rather unfairly, not in a nursing home).

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Christmas—1967

Today the holiday brings a different kind of Christmas homework-shopping, trimming the tree, distributing gifts. It's happy leisure for family living the labor movement achieved after years of struggle. It's symbolized by the union label. Look for the ILGWU label when you shop for women's or children's apparel. Look for the label on everything you buy!

THIS XMAS LOOK FOR THE UNION LABEL WHEN YOU SHOP!

Your own TV film library?

How many times have you glared back at the "boob tube" when you wanted to watch television but not all that drivel?

Soon you will be able to walk over to a tape rack and pick out next year. a film to run through your television set.

Columbia Broadcasting System will demonstrate a "TV phonograph" which will allow you to do just that.

You could video tape a program you especially liked or you could buy prepared films on a number of subjects and play them back when it suited you.

The playback unit, the IBEW's Technical Engineer" reports, is no larger than a breadbox and is expected to sell in England for around \$280 (U.S.), probably less if marketed here.

Initially intended for educational use in England, expansion to homes on this continent should be inevitable, the broadcasting union's magazine continues.

CBS expects a half hour color show and an hour of black and white programming can be carried on a film cartridge seven then you collect from Social Se- inches in diameter and half an inch wide.

First films will be available commercially in England in the spring of 1969. CBS, whose labs have been working on this Electronic Video Recording system for years, is not reporting any plans to go into the "film of knowledge" business in this country, but that doesn't mean they don't have any.—Utility Reporter.

Times change

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Auto insurance probe planned

The Senate Anti-Trust and Monopoly Subcommittee is planning major hearings into questionable practices in automobile insurance in March or April of

The announcement by Subcommittee Chairman Phillip Next Spring in England, the Hart (D.-Mich.) comes at a time when the House Judiciary Committee is seeking to decide whether it will conduct similar hearings or call for a probe by the Federal Trade Commission.

> Most advocates of a strong investigation of the industry take a dim view of the FTC inquiry, holding that it would be less responsive to the public outcries against industry practices, than a Congressional Committee would be.

At Consumer Assembly '67, Dean Sharp, counsel for the Senate Subcommittee, called upon union leaders, particularly local union officers, to survey their members on their problems with auto insurance and send a report to Hart and the Senate Committee.

Sharp added that the initial phase of the Senate probe will be on underwriting practices but will also go into claims, rating systems and blackouts.

The Department of Transportation is already conducting a study of the industry. - United Rubber Worker.

Medicare

President Johnson has signed H.R. 13026 which continues through March 31, 1968 the \$3 monthly premium payments by persons enrolled under Part B, the supplementary medical in-These are the good old days surance portion of the federal medicare program.

The new law also extends through March 31, 1968, the first general enrollment period for Part B which otherwise would have expired at the end of this year.

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MONEY'S WORTH

SHOPPERS for Consumers Union in twelve parts of the country bought unstuffed turkeys representing nine national and 13 regional brands, samples of two nationally distributed brands of frozen prestuffed turkey, and samples of tied turkey roasts and pan roasts.

The tied roast is simply bone-

less turkey meat-breast, thigh and sometimes leg-rolled and tied together largely intact. A pan roast is to a whole turkey about what hamburger is to steak. It's made up of roughly ground turkey meat and small pieces of whole turkey held to-gether with turkey-based binders and, usually, with chemical binders as well.

The story in the November Consumer Reports points out that, unfortunately, most pan and tied roasts come in boxes labeled, simply "turkey roast," with no further distinction between the two. By examining the picture on the box carefully, you may be able to see the binding cord. If you can, it's probably a tied roast; if you can't it's probably a pan roast.

CONSUMER REPORTS found only the whole unstuffed turkey an attractive meat buy, although it's not as inexpensive as is popularly thought. A whole unstuffed turkey bought at 47 cents a pound translates into \$1.17 a pound for cooked turkey and skin, minus the bone and

The stuffed turkeys turned out to be a particularly bad bargain. After the value of the stuffing ingredients was subtracted, the cost of the raw turkey itself came to about 77 cents a pound. That's a 30 cents per pound difference above the cost of the unstuffed turkey.

Since stuffing is potentially an excellent medium for the growth of bacteria, you must cooked stuffed turkey frozen. This can require up to three hours more to cook than a thawed, unstuffed bird.

In the study by Consumers Union, cooked boneless meat from tied roasts cost, on the average, 53 cents more per pound than from unstuffed, whole turkeys; pan roasts, \$1.01 more.

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Office Employes gain in contract at Grand Auto

Members of Office & Technical Employes Local 29 at Grand Auto Stores won a 48-cent hourly pay and benefit increase package over three years last week after authorizing a strike if nec-

The three-year agreement covers a total of 40 office employes at the chain's headquarters here and at its retail outlets throughout Northern California.

It raises their pay 12½ cents per hour in each of the con-tract's three years, adds new dental and prescription drug care, improves health and welfare and gives employes an additional paid holiday. The first year's pay raise is effective last September

Aiding in negotiations which won the settlement was a Cen-• tral Labor Council committee of Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer Ed Morgan and Bud Williams, senior business agent of Auto Machinists Lodge 1546. whose members also work at Grand Auto.

The Labor Council had voted strike sanction.

The new holiday, bringing the annual total to nine, is the individual employe's birthday. Dental care, financed, by a \$9.50 monthly employer contribution, and drug care, paid for by a \$3.46 monthly contribution, cover employes and dependents.

Management also is to pay the full cost of dependent health and welfare coverage, part of which was formerly paid by em-

Reed wins in **Barbers election**

Business Representative Jack M. Reed of Barbers 134 will move into the secretary-treasurer's job next year. Reed, who held the position in 1965, defeated incumbent Secretary-Treasurer Al V. Doyle in union balloting Monday for the one-year term.

Ray Luciano, William Murchison, and Al Chammorro were elected delegates to the Northern ation aganst unonists. California Council.

All other officers were unopposed. Ray Luciano will continue vice president, Al Chamorro as recorder, Floyd Bueno as guide, Mel Ferreira as guardian, Hugh Dean and Mel Ferreira on the CITES THE LAW Finance Committee.

CLC, Carpenters Council sue Reagan, labor commissioner

Continued from page 1

ing filing of the suit, Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx and State Council of Carpenters Executive Secretary - Treasurer Anthony Ramos, blasted the new state policy. Groulx and Ramos have joined in the suit as indi-

"This has been especially hard on little unions, with no treasury and no fulltime officials," Groulx said.

"For them it is an economic impossibility to collect without the state's help."

LACK STATE POWER

Not only small unions but all labor finds itself in an impossible position of trying to do the state's job without the state's powers," Groulx and Ramos pointed out.

And, because of the unfair burden on union members and their unions, the new setup can only profit employers, they said.

Essentially, they pointed out, the state's new policy has these deficiencies:

1. It forces unions to become agents of the state, doing its collection job for it, or it puts on individuals an impossible burden of hiring ther own attorneys.

2. Unions and union members lack the subpena power of the state to look at employers' books or the state's power to hold hearings, call in employers or otherwise prosecute wage claims speedily.

The amount of wages and benefit contributions is not even covered in the typical grievance procedure for settling dispute, need most."

This policy," said Groulx, "is effectively depriving our weak-est people of the help they need most." since they are written into the contract. Thus there can be no dispute on them.

4. Even were grievance procedure adapted to to pay claim collection, workers would have to wait months to get their money from a defaulting employer. In contrast, under previous administrations, a phone call from the labor commissioner's office often was all that was needed for an employer to pay.

Refusal to handle claims of union members while accepting cases of others is flat discrimin-

Labor has never prevously had to undertake collection of pay claims because "the law was as president, Don Forfang as there," said Groulx and Ramos, and the state—until the Reagan administration - had used its power to help workers.

> The court petition pinned

down the law's provisions, citing Section 217 of the Labor Code, requiring the labor commissioner "inquire diligently for any violation," investigate, hold hearings and, if appropriate, institute action for penalties against em-

Not only are unions handicapped in doing the state's wage claim job, but employers under federal law are specifically prohibited from making any payments to them, the petition noted.

The suit took issue with the way the new policy was launched, "secretly, without public hearings, without public notice and without notice to interested parties."

Groulx disclosed that in some cases, the labor commissioner had refused to act even when employers did not deny they owed money to workers.

'We believe hundreds of workers have been shorted by relatively small amounts — but not small to them-because of this policy," he ocmmented.

He cited a recent instance from Auto & Ship Painters 1176 in which two members got paychecks totaling more than \$300, written on a closed bank account and were refused service by the labor commissioner.

Unless it is stopped, the new policy presages further reduction to service and staff cuts in line with the Reagan "economy" policy of the administration, the union spokesman warned.

"This policy," said Groulx, "is

finished reading it!



CHET DUNCAN is the newest staff representative of Public Employees Local 1675, AFS-CME. He is former coordinator of the University of Oregon Job Corps Center and a staff executive of CORE.

3 from East Bay labor on Crusade budget panels

Three Alameda County labor representatives are serving on United Bay Area Crusade budget panels which determine how the \$14,600,000 in 1967 Crusade contributions are to be distributed among social agencies.

The three panel members from labor are Elias Arellano, Sheet Metal Workers Local 216; Edward O. (Pete) Lee, Oakland Federation of Teachers Local 771, and Robert Luster, Laundry & Dry Cleaning Local 2.

Spellman death mourned

AFLCIO President George Meany, on behalf of the labor Why not pass this copy of the organization, has extended sym-East Bay Labor Journal to a pathy to the people and clergy friend of yours when you are of New York on Cardinal Spellman's death.

Granlund, charter Millmen's member, is dead at 102

William C. Granlund, whose long union career began with the struggles which launched Millmen's Local 550 in 1900, died last week just a month short of his 102nd birthday.

He was the last charter member of Local 550 and had been a strongly active union member for decades.

Born in Minnesota, January 16, 1866, he came to the East Bay in 1890 and went to work in the mill - cabinet industry where he became an early union supporter.

His efforts and those of others who wanted a fair shake from employers brought organization of Local 550, which was chartered April 12, 1900. Granlund was initiated April 20, 1900 and maintained his membership until his death.

Never an officer, he served on many union committees, supported the union in its struggles against employers and attended union meetings as long as he was

He died December 13 and his funeral at Melrose Baptist Church was crowded. He had been a longtime active member of the church.

His home was at 2023 Fortyseventh Avenue, Oakland. Survivors are a son, Wilbur, of Oakland; four daughters, Mrs. Irene Forsey and Mrs. Marjorie Hill of Oakland, Mrs. Myrtle Everest of Weaverville and Mrs. Verna Turner of Modesto; 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and two great great grandchil-

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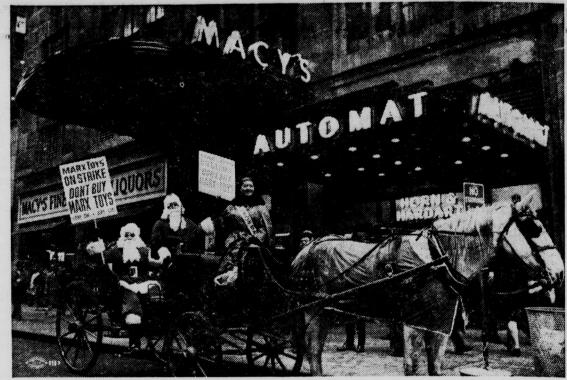
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MISS UNION MAID and two Santa Clauses told New York Christmas shoppers about the Marx Toy Company strike by the Machinists when they picketed at Macy's. They urged shoppers not to buy Marx products. Miss Un-

ion Maid is Betty Jo Carroll and the Santa Clauses are President David Rox of Machinists Lodge 797 and Kenneth Goods, Lodge 797 organizer. The strike has entered its seventh month in protest at low wages.

week for printers anywhere was gained by San Francisco Typographical Union Local 21 at the weekly Mill Valley Record in Marin County.

The new agreement provides for four eight-hour shifts (32 hours a week). The scale is \$5.21 per hour (\$166.75 a week) for the day shift. It will increase to \$5.50 per hour (\$176.25 a week) in

In addition, the members will receive four weeks of vacation per year, pro rated from the first day of employment; \$6 a week in health and welfare contributions, \$7.25 a week per member in pension contribution, and eight paid holidays.

Textile Workers chief

The Textile Workers Union of America announced that Sol Stetin, veteran union organizer, will serve the remainder of the term of office being vacated by John Chupka, union secretary-treasurer since 1953.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

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Printers get 4-day Oklahoma rebuffs open shop, week in Mill Valley spurns 'right to work' petitions

judgment this month in declin- issue in this country.' ing to put a "right to work" proposal on the state ballot despite a well-financed signature campaign with paid "volunteer" petition circulators.

Three years ago, Oklahoma voters responded to a hardhitting anti-right to work campaign by labor and turned down the proposal at the polls.

This year, proponents of the open shop amendment claimed they had secured enough signatures by the deadline to put it on the ballot. The state checked the names and found them insuffi-

News of the failure of open shop proponents got the AFLCIO convention at Bal Harbour, Fla., off to an optimistic start.

AFLCIO President George Meany said the experience in Ok- raising expenses amounted to lahoma—for years the key target | 42.2 per cent of income." state of the National Right to Work Committee-"proves that

Oklahomans showed rare good so-called 'right-to-work' is a dead

He suggested that "the responsible business community" take a sharp look at "the sorry record" of the "work" committee — "and then read it out of business."

Meany charged that the committee "is kept pasted together by a group of professional fundraisers who milk gullible businessmen and then use these funds to pay handsome salaries to themselves and their fellow promoters so they can raise more money to repeat the cycle indefinitely.

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CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings of Carpenters Local 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 761 12th St., Oakland at 8 p.m.

The office hours of the Financial Secretary's Office shall be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday this office closes at 1

Blood Bank Assessment No. 11 in the amount of \$1 is now due and

The regular meeting of December 21 will not be held due to the Christmas holidays.

A special called meeting will be held on January 4, 1968 for the nomination and election of four delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters at Santa Rosa, Calif., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1968.

penters will be called to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1968.

Please be in attendance and mominate and vote for candidates

The Executive Board, Business Representatives, and entire staff wish you a happy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally, CLAUDE W. DILLON,

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, January 4, 1968. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. We hope your Hol-idays are Happy. 1968 is a Persi-dential Election Year. The propaganda will be appalling. Local 1304 is vitally interested in economic and social improvements for members. ALL members. Bear this in mind when the smear and smut appears. Okay? Okay.

Fraternally, DAVE ARCA. Rec.-Sec.

BARBERS 134

The next regular union meeting be held Thursday, Jan. 1968 at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

IMPORTANT

The petition to raise adult hair-cuts will be read for the third time and voted on at the January 25, 1968 union meeting. Please plan AFSCME, U.C. LOCAL 371 to attend.

On January 10, 1968 at 8 p.m., our International Sec.-Treas., Mr. Sanders, is scheduled to speak to

the membership in the Labor Tem-ple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. Henry Ostrosky's application to locate a Barber College on East 14th Street in Oakland was denied. He has since filed an appeal of this decision. The appeal was to have been heard on Monday, Dec. 1967 at 10 a.m. This has been changed to Monday, Jan. 15, 1968 at 10 a.m. in the Alameda County Administration Bldg., 1221 Oa Street, Room 536, Oakland, Calif.

AL DOYLE,

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 86th Ave. Oakland.

Fraternally FRANK V. McINTOSH

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meeting date fourth Friday of each monthh. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

> Fraternally, VICTOR C. BRANDT. Sec.-Bus. Rep.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

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Meeting date fourth Friday of each month. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Web ster St., Oakland, Calif.

> Fraternally. VICTOR C. BRANDT. Sec.-Bus. Rep.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

The stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The stewards' training program will be held in conjunction with the stewards' meeting.

Carpenters Federal Credit Union will hold their Annual membership meeting on Thursday evening, January 18, 1968 from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Labor Temple 10:50 Matter Read Herrich 10:50 Matter Read Herrich Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hay-

All members and their wives of Carpenters Local Union 1622 are invited to attend this meeting.

A Special Called Meeting will be ry 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1968. held on Friday, Jan. 12, 1968 at The Thirty-eighth Convention of 8:00 p.m. for the specific purpose the California State Council of Car- of discussing what the members' desires are in negotiating our new contract.

Please make a special effort to be in attendance at this meeting. meeting of Thursday, Jan. 11, 1968 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention at Santa Rosa, Feb. 13-16, 1968.

At the same meeting nomination election for one member of the Sick Committee.

The Executive Board, Business Representatives and Office Personnel would like to take this opportunity to extend their best wishes to all members and their families for a most happy and prosperous season.

Section 2 of our Local Union Bylaws has been amended to read: "Carpenters Local Union 1622 will hold their regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month."

Our social event will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month following regular meeting.

All offices of the local Union will close at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Our blood bank is in need of donors. The local union will pay \$15 for each pint of blood donated. For information, inquire at the office of the financial secretary.

Fraternally. A. W. RICE. Rec. Sec.

The next regular meeting of our Local Union will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 13, 1968, Room 155, Kroeber Hall, Berkeley Campus. Executive Board will meet at 12 noon. At the election held Saturday, December 9, 1967 all incumbents running were relected for the new term. Jude DeBose was elected Sergeant at Arms and Bruce Browning will be our new Trustee for the three year term. We welcome these two new men and remind ALL members that

tere is work to be done and volunteers are needed for committees to be formed to serve during the year. How about it fellows? Don't be shy as we need more partici-pation in order to do the best job in working for all members' wel-

Fraternally, HAROLD LYMAN,

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of each nonth at 8 p.m., Cannery Worker fall, 492 C St., Hayward.

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PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the aonth at 8 p.m., 2267 Telegraph ve., Oakland.

Fraternally. JOHN FERRO.

SOUTH COUNTY SCHOOLS 390H Wednesday, January 3, 8 p.m., Martin School, 1000 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo.

PORT OF OAKLAND 390P

Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., union office, 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

CITY OF RICHMOND 390D Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., Corporation Yard. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, January 11, 7:30 p.m., union office, 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

CITY OF EL CERRITO 390C Monday, January 15, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

CITY OF OAKLAND 390F Wednesday, January 17, 5 p.m., union office. 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL 390GH Wednesday, January 24, 8 p.m., union office 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL 390GF Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., union office, 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL 390GH Wednesday, December 27, 8 p.m., union office, 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL 390GF Thursday, December 28, 7:30 p.m., union office, 150 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Suite 102.

Fraternally. R. J. KRAUSE, Pres.

RUBBER WORKERS 64

Regular meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Auto Workers Hall 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

Executive Board meetings will be held at 5 p.m. at the Union Office 1638 E. 14th St., Oakland.

The shop stewards' meetings will be held at 5 o'clock at the same Fraternally,

JOHN M. WETZLER,

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally. JOAN WILSON, Bus. Rep.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 1675

Regular membership and Executive Board meetings of Alameda County units of Public Employees Union, Local 1675, American Feder ation of State, County and Municipal Employees, are held as follows

HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOLS Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month in the maintenance yard of the school district, 24400 Amador St.

E.B. REGIONAL PARKS Meets at 8 p.m. on the first Wed nesday of each month at the Lake Temescal Club House.

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ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOLS Meets at 1 p.m. on the second saturday of each month in the

cafetorium of Encinal School. FREMONT SCHOOLS Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth

Saturday of each month at Blacow school.

AN LEANDRO SCHOOLS Meets at 10 am, on the third Sat urday of each month at Woodrow

Wilson School. The Executive Soard of the unit meets the Thurs day before each meeting at 7 p.m at Bancroft Junior High School. BERKELEY SCHOOLS

Meets at 10 a.m. on the second

saturday of each month at Whit tier School. Executive Board meet ings are held at Whittier School at 1:30 a.m. on the morning of the membership meetings.

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Fraternally. CHARLES F. JONES. Pres.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Effective July 1, 1967, the dues of Carpenters Local 1158 are \$8.50

On Thursday, January 4, 1968, at 1967 Chesnut Street, Berkeley, California, there will be a special called meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to attend the California State Convention at Santa Rosa, February 13 to 16, 1968.

At this meeting there also will be voting on whether to change section 20 of our By-Laws, by nominating and electing a Business Representative through the three Locals 1473; 1158 and 194, or to have section 20 remain as is.

Please try to attend this special called meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally, NICK J. AFDAMO, Rec. Sec.

COM. TELEGRAPHERS 208

Delegates to the recent Union Convention urged their National Negotiating Committee to strive for a 15 per cent package in negotiating a new Contract next Spring. It was recommended that the amount negotiated by the Committee in 1968 be divided as follows:

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The Committee is also urged to implement the full package on June 1, 1968.

The Company, as usual will resist our demands. We must be ready to fight if necessary to convert the intent of the delegates into real bene-

Fraternally, L. ROSS. Pres.

MILLMEN'S 550

At our Special Called Meeting November 17, 1967, the membership voted to increase the monthly dues by ninety cents (90¢) effective January 1, 1968. This increase in dues applies to all members of this Local Union.

Mare Island locals merge

Fraternally. GEO. H. JOHNSON, Fin. Sec.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10268 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

> Fraternally, DON CROSMAN. Rec. Sec.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local Union No. 1149 will be held at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

All offices of the local union will

close at 1 p.m. on Friday.

To renew membership in Local 1149's Blood Bank for 1968, send \$2 before March 31, 1968.

> Fraternally, JAMES ALLAN. Rec. Sec.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Me-morial Building, 2201 Central Ave.,

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally, F. M. GLADDEN,

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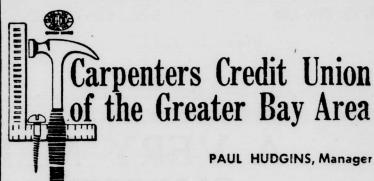
The consumer would be the loser if Congress should exempt a large group of electric power companies from federal regulation, the AFLCIO warned.

Legislative Director Andrew J. Biemiller urged a House Commerce subcommittee to reject legislation shrinking the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Paul G. Rogers (D.-Fla.) would exempt privately-owned utilities operating in a single state without direct power tie-ins across state lines and all electric cooperatives financed by the Rural Electrification Administration.

Biemiller charged the legislation is primarily intended to afford relief for the Florida Power & Light Co." which has brought a court challenge to the jurisdiction of the FPC.

IBEW Locals 1781 and 2145 at Mare Island Naval Shipyard have merged as Local 2145.



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The AFLCIO convention gave soldiers of the status quo," voted President Johnson a standing ovation in support of his domes- wooden soldiers. 'WOODEN SOLDIERS' tic and national policies as he spoke to a nationwide television

audience from the convention. The President talked of war and peace—of his firm determin-CHARACTACA CARACTAC ation "to hold the line we have ************ drawn against aggression" until Hanoi is willing to negotiate

He spoke of historic progress at home and of the crucial role of the 1968 elections in determining whether the nation will continue to move forward or turn back.

Labor has fought consistently "for the greatest good for the greatest number," Johnson said, for the kind of programs that would make this country better for your children than it had been for you."

And it had answered with a 'resounding yes' the question asked time and again by American soldiers, "are the folks back home really behind us?"

WILD DEMONSTRATION

The crowded convention hall erupted into a wildly cheering demonstration. Thirty - eight times during the half-hour speech, cheers or standing ovations.

President spoke of the accomplishments of medicare, aid to education, minimum wage protection, the battle against poverty, historic progress on civil rights, on immigration reform, an unprecedented 81 months of national prosperity.

Conservation measures, pollution control, a long list of consumer protection laws, including the meat inspection measure just sent to the White House all these and more, the President said, were triumphs for all America.

that on most of these issues the an all time high Construction, vast majority of Republicans in however, employed fewer per-Congress, "lined up like wooden sons than a year earlier.

The replacement of liberal Democrats who helped write the "historic" legislative record of the 89th Congress by "Republican nay-sayers" had added 'deadweight" to the House this year, Johnson said. The result has been that "America's advance has been temporarily slowed."

"We still have to meet the great tests of our time-improving our educational and our medical systems, rebuilding our cities, providing jobs for all who can work, ending lawlessness in our streets, controlling our crime, uniting our people in common and progressive purpose.

"This is our national agenda. It can only succeed if there are men in Congress and the Administration who will make it their personal agenda."

For the first time, Johnson said, the nation is engaged in a fighting war without wage and price controls. "Voluntary restraint," he said, "has made involuntary curbs unnecessary. Your government wants to keep it that way."

The President spoke solemnly of "the tragic but vital struggle in Viet Nam," the "torture" of having to send American youth to "risk their lives for liberty and freedom," the "regret" at spending dollars for war "that we want to spend on the works of peace here at home."

He appealed to those who dissent from America's Viet Nam policy to "bring me just one workable solution to end the

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Retail Clerks Local 870 BY CHARLES F. JONES

The Board of Trustees of the Northern California Retail Clerks Employers Welfare Fund has authorized reimbursement to each eligible member (active or retired) for the premiums he or she has paid for Part "B" of Medicare, commencing April 1, 1967. This means the \$3 monthly premium for the member aged 65 or over and the \$3 monthly premium for the spouse aged 65 or over. Reimbursement will be made for all months the employe is eligible under the Northern California Retail Clerks-Employers Welfare Fund. Application for reimbursement must be filed prior to the end of January for the last half of each calendar year and prior to the end of July for the first half of each calendar year, except that the initial reimbursement shall be for the period April 1 privilege t through Dec. 31, 1967. PLEASE the years. CALL YOUR LOCAL UNION OF-FICE FOR THE APPLICATION FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT. Retirees will be mailed the forms from the Trust office.

The members of Local 870 working under the food agreement met last week and voted on new proposals to be presented to the food employers for nego-tiations. The present food store agreement expires on February 29, 1968. The first negotiation meeting with the employers will be held this week. IN MEMORIUM:

We regret to announce the deaths of Brother Robert W. Kleinhammer, a registered pharmacist, who passed away December 6, and Brother Dennis W. Bihner of GEM, who passed away December 14. We extend the sympathy of the Local to the families of our late brothers.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, last Thursday morning we received a call from the State Barber Board informing us that the scheduled appeal hearing of the barber college would be postponed to Monday, January 15 at 10 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Room 536. We are indeed sorry that we could not inform all our members and others in time.

Reporting on our election Monday the officers for 1968 are Ray Luciano, President; Don Forfang, Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer, Jack M. Reed; Re-corder, Al Chammoro; Guide, Floyd Bueno; Guardian, Mel Ferreira; Finance Committee, Hugh Dean, Mel Ferreira; Delegates to the Northern California Council, Ray Luciano, William Murchison. Al Chammoro.

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turn in your books. As this is a lengthy job, your cooperation will be appreciated. On behalf of your officers, I would like to wish all the brothers a very Merry Christmas.

Steamfitters Local 342

BY JIM MARTIN

With our Union's election of Officers concluded, we look forward to the installation of our re-elected and newly elected Officers who will represent you for the next three years. Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, January 4, 1968, and U. A. General Secretary - Treasurer, Martin J. Ward, has advised that he will install the Officers.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the membership for selecting me to continue to serve you as the Union's Business Manager and Financial Secretary. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you over

In closing this column for 1967, may I extend to the newly elected Officers my congratulations and collectively we can represent our membership as we have in the past, continuing to upgrade the wages, hours and working conditions of our Union.

Steelworkers post

James C. O'Brien, former exfor the union.

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. Pepper to pepper. Salt to salt. If you misjudge Unions, it's not OUR fault. It's Yours.

Apathetic members may have many fine ideas. Unless we hear them, we don't know them. We can't communicate with silence.

We read recently where the "Liberal Left," "Radical Right" and "Militant Minority," is now opposed by a "Silent Majority." We're not impressed. A Majority that's silent, isn't saying much.

Occasionally, members men-tion their wives read these reports. That's great. Women are wonderful when friendly. And, are meaner than males when angry. If the Silent Majority includes women, could be the silence is only until they catch their breath.

We're joshing. Ladies have an impressive importance of their own. They're a catalyst for energy. Whenever an all male effort is lagging, involving Ladies gives the old Boys a lift.

All Alameda County COPE campaigns would have bogged down badly had not the Ladies bailed us out. In 1968, the Presidency of the United States may damn well depend on the whims of Women.

If Labor has a maternal meaning for Women, Labor also is important to the Paternal source ecutive director of the Steel- of family income. When memworkers Committee on Older & bers' wives overcome their ani-Retired Workers, has been mosity to Unions, they may find named political action director we're a friend not a foe. Okay?

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21. Extends the final cut-off date for W.W. II Home Loans or Small Business Loans to July 25, 1970. Method of computation of eligibility termination date of each individual veteran not changed.

22. Extends the maximum limit on direct home loans from \$17,500 to \$25,000 in aceas where the Administrator finds cost levels to require. It is expected that intermediate increments will be established.

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Labor launches campaign to aid copper strikers

Two key departments of the AFLCIO are setting up intensive pay a loan. programs to assist the 60,000 strikers in the non-ferrous metals industry.

Twenty-two AFLCIO unions are involved in the strike, which know you should be saving somehas been in progress for almost thing when working full-time. six months, with no sign of a realistic employer offer.

William L. Kircher, AFLCIO director of organization, has alerted regional offices in each af-

The regional heads have been instructed to mobilize the AFL-CIO central bodies in each area.

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to tour strike sites, making sure there is full liaison between the unions and the state and local welfare agencies.

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BY PAUL HUDGINS

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Regular savings is an indication to the loan committee that you have some control over your spending, and will be able to re-

Take it off the top before you spend the rest. Only the part you save is really yours. The rest was spent before you got it. You There is always a rainy day coming, and unexpected emergencies come sooner or later.

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BY NAT DICKERSON

There was a time when the Personnel Office publication, "Personnel News," was chock full of promotion announcements. To avoid a previous misunderstanding, this has nothing to do with the present Personnel Office publication entitled "Campus News."

What we are trying to say is, despite the increased enrollment our Carpenter out of work list is of students, more general public only 126 this Monday roll call. due to administrative strategy, one seldom sees a promotion going to a custodian. The reasons for this discrepancy is accountable to a larger work load to fewer custodians than are needed; whereas, this is true, to some extent, among other employes of held at Santa Rosa. See your Lo-surance Coverage, we were able the university, it is a glaring cal 36 notice on Page 5 for depoint with the custodians.

The University of California, at Berkeley, makes automation the next two Mondays. in industry seem mere bagatelle, as regards custodians. There is hardly a union meeting that some custodian doesn't rise to complain of the severe hardship his job places upon him, or of some arbitrary imposition of a supervisor.

take for granted, the proof of its superior wisdom, in that no apparent discontent prevails among its workers, but eventually, there may be a rude awakening. The students, and some of the faculty, have expressed their concern and dissatisfaction with "Father Image" of the administration; though considered less astute, custodians will too some day realize that their grievances must be publicized, to gain redress. We say this to let them know, that only through an organized effort will they be able to become MEN, and not the puppets, or children that the administration has taken them for, for too

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Also, ask the writer about some of his personal experiences and those of some of his friends. They will be definitely shocked.

Chips and Chatter

BY GUNNAR (BENNY) BENONYS

Even with the rainy weather, rain gear close at hand.

Please remember, no meeting the 21st of December. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 1968. A special call to elect delegates to the State Council of Carpenters Convention to be

No roll calls will be held for

A special meeting for all Bay Area Carpenters is being scheduled for Friday, December 29, 1967 at 10 a.m. at the Cow Palace on Geneva Ave., San Francisco by Business Representative Joseph O'Sullivan of Carpenters Local 22. Local 22 is sponsoring The administration seems to this meeting to discuss the recent refusal of the employers to renew the Dental Plan.

It is rumored that the em-

ton, next week.

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Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are glad to report that we have completed the changes in our Health and Welfare Program, which is now in effect.

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan costs, as we mentioned before, were increased to us, which cost however, can be handled by the Health and Welfare payments made for the employees by the employers, as provided for under Some jobs work any way with ment. However, those Proprietor members who carry Kaiser Foundation Health Plan coverage, will have to assume the additional increased cost which we have to pay.

Relative to the employees who are covered under our Group Into obtain increased hospital benefits for the employee and their dependents-the cost of which is also being handled by the Health and Welfare payments made for the employees by the employers, as provided for under the terms of the union agreement. There is no change in coverage or cost to those Proprietor Members who have chosen the Group Insurance Coverage.

All members who have had change in coverage or cost have been notified individually by mail from the union office.

ployers are considering calling a to think of the many years we CHRISTMAS! When we start trustees meeting to reconsider have wished our members and their families a Very Happy Holi-Financial Secretary Mel Johnson and Lillian will be off to visit folks in Seattle, Washing-wish to you all this year, is just as sincere as the first year we wished you all—A VERY HAPPY

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A day of reckoning for Reagan's policy

Whatever else happens to Ronald Reagan in 1968, one thing is certain. Early in that Presidential year, his state administration will have to account for its pennypinching denial of the labor commissioner's services to a large group of work-

In this instance, Reagan has followed what by now is his too-familiar pattern. He has penalized people in favor of employers and big taxpayers.

The suit filed last week by the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the California State Council of Carpenters is the third court challenge to his policies in the less than a year in which he has been in office.

It charges that the labor commissioner by failing to accept and collect wage claims of union members is discriminating against them. It charges that this refusal is a direct violation of the law requiring the commissioner to prosecute all pay claims a financial squeeze." and demands that the Reagan administration live up to the law.

It may be a favorable omen that the courts have ruled against the governor in the first two suits which challenged him. The State Supreme Court has found his cuts in MediCal jobs. services are illegal. A San Francisco superior judge has found that he violated the State Constitution when he delivered cheap prison labor to big farm operators.

The key to those two court verdicts for the people is that hours. Reagan's radically anti-people policies have violated not only California's progressive traditions but defied the law when it stood in the way.

They make only a dent in the over-all destruction wrought by the new state administration. Its other victims are still suffering. They are such people as mental patients deprived of vitally-needed care and crippled children excluded from medical treatment.

And the Reagan administration has plans for the future. It wants to raise university and state college fees which will mean that children of working people no longer can enjoy this it is that a man will moonlight. however, work full time on one state's traditional free education. It has sought to deny welfare benefit increases to the needy. Even as its claims of a deficit for MediCal were being exploded, its spokesmen were talking about further "economies."

The best answer for working people is political—to support candidates for the Legislature and other offices who will restrain Reaganism and of course turn back any attempt to impose it again on the state or on the nation.

The record is the answer

A gentleman named H. L. Welch, an officer of a building and trades union in Montgomery, Alabama, is asking California building tradesmen to get behind ex-Alabama Governor George Wallace's Presidential ambitions.

Welch is getting nowhere. The Alameda County Building Trades Council, as an example, rejected a bid to a Wallace prevailing management view-point is to support a bill by Senator, John C. Tower (P. Tower)

To check the validity of Mr. Welch's claims for Wallace, NLRB's jurisdiction over unfair here's a look at Alabama's record on matters of importance to working people-under both Wallace administrations:

When George ran for governor, he promised at least a \$100 monthly boost in old age pensions. During his four years in office, pensions did rise-by a grand total of 36 cents a month. That put pensions at the puny figure of \$69.66 a month.

Alabama's maximum jobless benefit is \$38 a week, and the minimum is \$12. California's minimum is \$25, its maximum is \$65 and the average is well over \$50. That's not enough, but

it's immensely better than Alabama's.
On all 16 standards of effective workmen's compensation established by the Labor Department, the American Medical Association and other authoritative groups, Alabama is lacking. It can't meet any standard and thus is infereior in such matters as coverage, medical benefits, rehabilitation and temporary

and permanent disability benefits.

Alabama is a low-income "right-to-work" state, but if Wallace has ever spoken out against "right to work," there

seems no record of it.

His fight for segregated education is well known, but the plinary powers, including a ban fact that Alabama has failed to meet Federal guidelines for desegregation of welfare is not so well remembered.

If he's our friend, save us from our enemies.



WHY THEY MOONLIGHT? LOW PAY AND BIG BILLS

bor Department survey discloses, an extra job. is a comparatively young married man with children who feels

Teachers, policement, firemen, postal workers and farmers have the highest proportion of second

Persons who worked 35 to 40 hours on their main job were no more likely to be moonlighters than those who worked 41 to 48

This indicates that reducing the workweek by a few hours without a reduction in pay would not cause more people to take a second job.

The survey, conducted in the spring of 1966, found 3,600,000 workers, just under 5 per cent of all employed persons, holding two or more jobs.

It also found that:

• The lower the earnings in

workers hold more than one job, job.

The typical moonlighter, a La- only 2.2 per cent of women hold

likely to be moonlighters as sin-• The moonlighting rate tends

to increase with the number of children. A man with five or more children is twice as likely to hold two jobs as a man with one child.

• The average moonlighter works 13 hours a week on a second job.

• One out of 10 postal workers holds a second job, the highest multiple-job rate for any occupational group.

· Persons living on farms also have a high rate of dual jobs. In some cases, farm work is the main occupation; in others, the

• About one-fourth of multiple job-holders work part time on both jobs, and 8 per cent work • While 6.4 per cent of male job and part time on a second

Married men are twice as

farm is the secondary job.

LLOYD MAES,

U.S. CHAMBER WHETS ITS AXE FOR THE NLRB

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce hopes that the 91st Congress, to be elected next November, will be even more conservative than the present Congress will pass legislation to strip the National Labor Relations Board of virtually all its powers.

Peter J. Pestillo, the Chamber's labor relations manager, said the point is to support a bill by Senator John G. Tower (R.-Tex.). against a union. Tower's bill would transfer the labor practice cases to the federal district court.

HOLLOW SHELL

The hollow shell left of the NLRB "would continue to determine what groups of employes are appropriate for bargaining," says the U.S. Chamber.

The chamber advanced a series of amendments to the National Labor Relations Act, including proposals that would:

· Place further curbs on picketing and boycotting.

• Impose sharp restrictions on actions the NLRB may take to remedy an employer's unfair la-

• Ban union recognition on

· Curb internal union discion union fines against members who cross a picket line.

tract work without consulting the union.

employers that a • Assure 'take-it-or-leave-it" offer, described by the CofC as a "fair firm offer," would not be considered a refusal to bargain.

• Give employers even greater rights than they now have to say whatever they want, short of open coercion and bribery, to try to persuade workers to vote

a decertification election and to call for a strike vote or a vote on acceptance of the employer's offer at any time.

Birch and unions

Top policy makers in the John Birch Society are strictly antiunion, according to a survey just released by the Institute for American Democracy in Washington, D.C.

Industrialists with long records of fighting unions dominate the policy-setting Birch Council, the survey shows.

Fourteen of the 24 members of the Birch Council are presently operating companies while all or most of whose production workers have not secured the right to be represented by recognized unions, the study pointed out .-Bay Guildsman.

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HE SUPPORTS PEACE APPEAL

Editor, Labor Journal:

"We believe this war is immoral and our continued involvement is contrary to the best interest of our country," was a policy statement adopted by over 500 labor leaders from 68 international unions, attending the National Labor Assembly for Peace in Chicago. Despite the fact that the official councils of labor via George Meany have given unwavering blind support to Johnson's war of attrition, this peace assembly called for immediate and unconditional end to the bombing of North Vietnam, as has been the appeals of U Thant, Pope Paul, the advice of ex-Generals and the president's own party congressional leaders, as the only alternative to peace and negotiations.

No justification was found for expending the precious lives of American youngsters and destroying even larger numbers of Vietnamese men, women and children, as this labor power for peace proposed that Labor play its part in bringing this savage war to a swift and just conclusion, so that we may devote our wealth and energies to the struggle against poverty, disease, hunger and bigotry.

As such, a policy statement of clear and unambiguous U.S. government intention to negotiate a settlement of the war, with parties directly involved including the National Liberation Front was demanded.

While never in history has there been such a passionate and enormous popular resistance to a current war, the loud, clear voice of labor had been missing. Today this conference is historic as it represents the conscience of the labor movement. In so many words, Dr. Martin Luther King in addressing this Peace Labor Assembly, voiced his own opposition to this most barbar-

> Retired member. **UAW 1364**

PROFIT ABOVE **HUMAN VALUES**

Editor, Labor Journal:

The Reagan Administration is more outspoken than most conservative bodies. It openly attacks the poor, the sick and the minorities. Why should we be surprised at its attack upon our labor movement? Do we belong to the upper crust and therefore consider ourselves exempt from such attacks?

It is high time for a rethinking of our position on this mat-• Permit employers to initiate for well earned pay raises that cut into their fat profits. If we only woke up to realize that we belong on that side of the tracks, we could organize the minorities and the poor (who is better able to do that job?). When that happy day arrives, no politician will be electable who puts profits above human values, as the Reagan Administration has clearly done.

SAMUEL KALISH Deputy Labor Commissioner (retired) Los Aigeles 90004 * * *

TO THE POINT

"A misnomer, 'right-to-work' is designed to destroy organized labor. It upsets worker stability, disrupts labor-management relations and cheapens the economy."-Idaho Sunday Journal, Pocatello.

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AFLCIO convention maps labor Congress trims course, cheers LBJ's policies

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and firm pledges of continuing support.

HEARS PRESIDENT

The convention heard President Johnson, five cabinet members, top administration men, free world union leaders.

One resolution on organizing pledged continued support to the United Farm Workers' efforts to bring unionism to the farm.

The convention urged expanded organizing, reasserted the pensation and jobless insurance. strength of collective bargaining and wrote a strong defense of the right to strike.

COPE SUPPORT

Warning of the rightwing's threat to control the next Congress, with resulting anti-labor and anti-progress legislation, the convention urged maximum mobilization behind COPE in

NATIONAL ISSUES

In terms of national programs the convention:

- Gave Congress a blueprint for action to protect the health, safety and buying power of the American consumer.
- Called for an expansion of and the Administration and by labor at the local level.

of the Employment Act of 1946.

- Spelled out its determination to achieve full equality for all minority groups in all aspects of American life.
- Called for a comprehensive national health insurance pro- measure. gram, improvements in Social Security and public asistance, a \$2 minimum wage and 35-hour work week and minimum federal standards for workmen's com-
- Urged a massive national drive for quality education for all youth, without discrimina-

 Asked effective action against air and water pollution and for development and conservation of national resources.

· Assailed extremists of the left and right.

A number of foreign policy resolutions stressed support to expanded trade involving increased employment and progress at home, urged strengthening of the Atlantic Alliance and aid to underdeveloped nations to balk communism.

On labor relations and federal activities, it opposed compulthe war on poverty by Congress sory arbitration, urged denial of federal contracts to repeated, willful violators of the National • Reaffirmed its conviction Labor Relations Act, urged rethat the American economy can peal of Section 14(b) of Taftsupport the extension of social Hartley, which allows "right to advances while meeting the work" laws, and pledged continneeds of Viet Nam and called for uing support to labor commun-further action by the govern- ity services program.

Crown discloses state cutback in crippled children treatment

the chief of Crippled Children's Services.

"In order to keep expenditures within funds appropriated," the memo directed, "the attached list are conditions which should not be accepted for treatment under Crippled Children's Services in the fiscal year 1967-68."

Basis for exclusions was reminiscent of the Reagan MediCal cutbacks which restricted treatment to severe or life-threatening conditions.

"The modification in general eliminates conditions which are not chronic in nature, do not need complex multidisciplinary services and are not financially catastrophic," the memo said.

BANNED TREATMENT

But the list of exclusions banned treatment for such longlasting conditions as flat feet, club feet "except when surgery needed," absence of teeth, "congenital or acquired;" hearing loss except when hearing aid or surgery are required, rheumatic fever unless it involves chronic heart disease, and some cases of webbed fingers or toes.

The list was headed bluntly, EXCLUSION LIST - TREAT-MENT SERVICES Medical Eligibility 1967-68." The list was alphabetical and some conditions appeared twice in dfferent terms under dfferent alphabetic head-

But, Crown reported, the govsent to counties last August by ernor has called the memo and the chief of Crippled Children's list only "advisory."

"I am mystified," the assemblyman said, "at Governor Ron- reimbursement to states. ald Reagan's denial of any cutbacks in the Crippled Children's Services program.

"We know that 1,084 crippled children in 12 counties have been denied CCS treatment since August 15 as a result of this memorandum, despite what the governor says about no cutbacks."

The memo was headed "MOD-IFICATION OF MEDICAL ELI-GIBILITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967-1968" and declared that the exclusions applied to new cases, allowing completion of treatment in cases already under care.

It had two exceptions from the exclusion. One was crippled children of poverty level families with \$4,000 or less annual income.

But even these children would have no access to county hospital care or other treatment to be cared for under Crippled Children's Services.

The second exception was chilcase management services" if noon Mondays through Fridays. they are referred to CCS.

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will be unchanged next year and by 1987 will have reached 5.9. **Apprenticeship**

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Social Security

benefit raises

Congress passed a Social Security bill last week, but con-

benefit increases approved by

the Senate and attached an on-

erous welfare "freeze" to the

As finally approved by a House

Senate conference, the bill boost-

ed benefits 13 per cent, as com-

pared to the Senate version's 15

Senate liberals unsuccessfully

fought the "freeze" provision

which would hold federal funds

for Aid to Families with Depend-

ent Children at their January 1

level when the next fiscal year

That means that after July 1,

the federal government may not

increase its allocations to states

for aid to children. The result

applicants who need help.

LOWER MINIMUM

er than find jobs.

would be that states must up their contributions or turn away

In California, whose governor

harps on "economy" at the expense of services and has at-

tempted to divert to the state a

welfare boost in the original

Senate Social Security bill, the

latter alternative seemed a cer-

The House-Senate conference

also slashed the Senate-approved

minimum Social Security benefit

from \$70 a month to \$55. It cut the job training allowance from

those on welfare to keep \$50 a month in outside earnings plus

half of anything over that. The conference cut the amount to

\$30 a month plus 30 per cent, so

small as to encourage those on

relief to remain on welfare rath-

bills would be subject to federal

\$55 and a maximum of \$160.50

monthly benefit for individuals

next year with an average of

The maximum ultimately will

be \$218 for individuals, but to

earn it a person must work near-

ly all his life under the new tax

The present 4.4 per cent Social

Security tax payroll deduction

\$165 for a man and wife.

The final bill also set a salary ceiling for those whose MedicAid

The bill sets a minimum of

\$20 a week to \$30 a month. The Senate had voted to allow

per cent.

starts July 1.

WELFARE FREEZE

servatives whittled down the

An apprenticeship entrance test is scheduled by the East Bay Carpet, Linoleum & Soft Tile Layers Joint Apprenticeship Committee at 7 p.m. on January

Applications must be received before January 22 at Room 227, dren eligible for MediCal. They Street, Oakland. They will be ac-Penn Building, 354 Twenty-first will "continue to be accepted for cepted between 8:30 a.m. and 12

Applicants must be 18 to 25 years old and be high school Why not pass this copy of the graduates or equivalent as de-East Bay Labor Journal to a termined by the General Educa-

Nurse aid training

Merritt College will be conducting two nurse aide training programs 'during the spring term. A qualifying test for the courses will be given on January 17 at 4 p.m. in the auditorium at Merritt College, 5714 Grove St.,

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